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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

1. ☒ Utility Transmittal Form
2. ☒ Specification (including claims and abstract) [Total Pages 18]
3. ☒ Drawings [Total Sheets 9]
4. ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney [Total Pages 6]
  - a. ☒ Newly executed
  - b. ☐ Copy from prior application

**[Note Box 5 below]**

  - i. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application
5. ☐ Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
  - b. ☐ Paper Copy
  - c. ☐ Statement verifying above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet and document(s))
9. ☐ Power of Attorney
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - ☒ Form PTO-1449
  - ☒ Copies of References
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized)
14. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s)
  - ☐ Enclosed
  - ☐ Statement filed in prior application; status still proper and desired
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
16. ☒ Other: Requested Order of Inventors (1 p.)

17. If a **CONTINUING APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information in (a) and (b) below:
- (a) ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_; Group Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Preliminary Amendment: Relate Back - 35 USC §120. The Commissioner is requested to amend the specification by inserting the following sentence before the first line:  
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<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim if applicable			+ \$270.00	\$0
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Date	November 3, 2000
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UTILITY (Rev. 8/22/2000)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PETERSON et al.

Application No. Unassigned

Filed: November 3, 2000

For: SCREW-IN VENT PLUG FOR  
LEAD-ACID BATTERIES

Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned



REQUESTED ORDER OF INVENTORS

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

We request the order of the inventors for the above-identified application to be as follows:

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